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Fred Sherman
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T. S. Kerr came up from El Paso the first of the week for a couple of days visit and attention to business matters.

GREAT NEED FOR LOVELINESS

Commercialism Threatens to Destroy Much That Is Beautiful in the World.

In our terrible haste to make a living nowadays we are apt to forget that it is even more important to keep life worth living. The desire for wealth and for comfort, the forgetfulness of beauty and art which began as symptoms of a purely American disease, are spreading rapidly over the world.

Ruskin and Matthew Arnold only a century ago expressed fears that America would vulgarize the world. Whether we have done it or not, at any rate it is to a great extent accomplished. Imagine a modern "passionate pilgrim" who, reaching the far famed, much sung Como and, raising the glance from the dome of the cathedral, finds in large black letters across the mountain an advertisement of Tot—a digestive tablet—and of vermuth.

There could be no finer work in the world today for women than to band themselves together into a league for the preservation of loveliness. For you may take it as fact, all that is noblest and best in the human spirit, all that is gentlest and strongest and bravest, feeds upon loveliness.

No Standardized Dress.

It is a pleasure to stamp despitely on the praise of Prof. Walter Sargent of Chicago for the Chinese custom of "one established style of dress for women."

Life might be cheaper under such a dull, gray provision of costume. But it would certainly not be worth living. The whole trouble with costumes today is that they are too much alike. Instead of designing a dress that is becoming to her own dimensions, proportions and other endowments of nature, the average woman accepts the fashion of the hour, whatever it may be—large sleeves, small hips, no waist or whatever the fashion may decree.

What is needed is not more standardization, but more individuality in dress. A declaration of independence is the crying feminine need of the hour—not a uniform designed by any board of economists.—New York Tribune.

Convict Made Pets of Mice.

An interesting story of a convict and his two pet mice is told in the report of Captain Hanson, the prison commissioner of London.

Captain Hanson said the convict, who was imprisoned at Parkhurst, had two pet mice but was ordered to another prison, where he was unable to take his pets. Captain Hanson promised to have them cared for, and himself went to the cell for the mice.

"Never shall I forget the parting scene," continued the officer. "The man took each of the mice, calling them by name, kissed them, and then put them in a little box he had lined with flannel, and with them a piece of bread and a piece of cheese he had saved."

THE W. C. U. T. COLUMN

Slow Ruin or Swift Which is Worse?

We regret the great, temporary loss of San Francisco, that of \$400,000,000, the greatest ever suffered by any catastrophe in this country, and yet the material loss occasioned by strong drink is \$1,000,000,000, or nearly three times that amount, and the loss is each year without exception. What frenzy, what universal indignation there would be if rum were to do as suddenly as the earthquake and the fire, the damage it effects as certainly by slow degrees. We deeply lament the loss of a thousand lives and yet rum says a hundred times as many every year. If strong drink were to slay, this army of one hundred thousand as suddenly as the earthquake or the fire, the States and the Federal Government would be compelled to put an end to Freedom Ignorant.

During the past year 315 unsanitary buildings were razed in Washington, D. C., as part of a campaign to clean out the slums. But why allow the saloons to remain and poison men and women to strong drink? If the saloon isn't a bigger menace to the health and well being of a community than any dwelling can be, then good by common sense.

For the fourth year, a course in the study of the liquor problem with college credit is offered by the economics department of Iowa Wesleyan University.

Sixty men at Michigan Agricultural College petitioned the faculty to offer a course in the study of the liquor problem with college credit.

With twenty-three college men casting dry votes, Holland, Mich., the home of Hope College, voted dry last spring by just twenty-three votes. No wonder the college Prohibition League claim the credit.—Ex.

H. J. Jones, who has been spending several weeks at his old home in Indiana visiting with home folks and friends, returned to Columbus last Monday.